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Department of Defense (DoD) Requires EFT Payments to Contractors

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service will return all contracts that are not in compliance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996. The act requires government-wide mandatory electronic funds transfer (EFT) payments to all vendors and contractors as of January 1, 1999, but DoD gained approval to extend the mandatory compliance date to February 1, 2000.

After February 1, when a contract is received without the contractor or vendor being registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), the contract will be returned to the contracting office. DFAS will send a letter to the affected contractor or vendor explaining payment will be delayed until contractor EFT registration is provided or waiver documentation presented.

Businesses already properly registered in the CCR that includes EFT data will not be affected. Businesses and vendors who are not registered in CCR or whose registration does not include their EFT data must sign up immediately to ensure their payments are not disrupted.

There are three ways to sign up for the CCR database.

- Register on-line using the web site <http://www.ccr2000.com>. Frequently Asked Questions are provided as well as a handbook to walk contractors and vendors through the registration process. It takes about 45 minutes to register on-line.
- If your business has electronic data interchange (EDI) capability through a Value-Added-Network they can help you register.
- If you need a form to register via FAX or for other help, call the CCR Assistance Center, 1 888-227-2423.

The EFT requirement can be waived if the payments are one-time nonrecurring payments, sole proprietors, classified contracts, contracts awarded by deployed contracting officers in the course of military operations or purchases to support unusual or compelling needs. Utility companies and common carriers under Commercial Bills of Lading are also currently exempt.

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